



# Majority of Ontarians not hot on early election call.



Nanos Ontario Political Tracking, ending February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
(Provincial survey released February, 2025)  
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Nanos will be tracking opinion on a nightly basis throughout the Ontario provincial campaign. Visit [www.ctvnews.ca](http://www.ctvnews.ca) or [www.nanos.co](http://www.nanos.co) to access the latest data and analysis.

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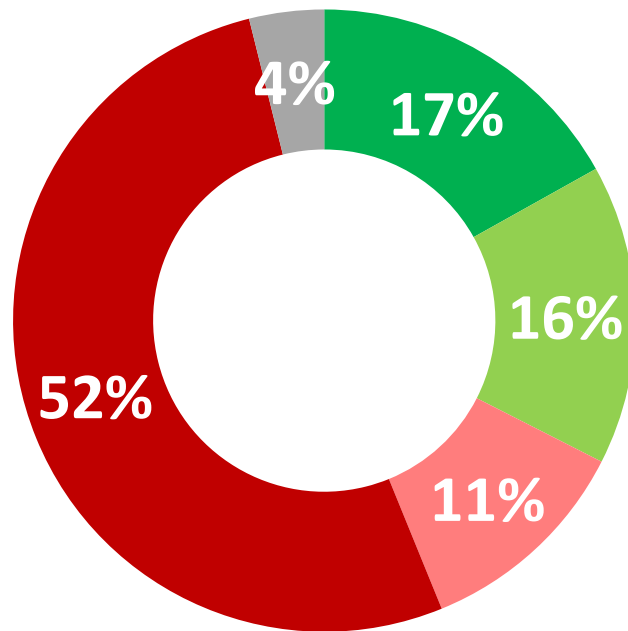
*What’s interesting is that in addition to a majority either disagreeing or somewhat disagreeing with the early election call, the proportion favouring the election call (34%) is lower than PC ballot support which is in the mid 40s. This suggests a noticeable number of PCs do not favour the early election.*

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*Nik Nanos, Chief Data Scientist*

# Level of agreement with the decision to call an early provincial election

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Just over **3 in 5** Ontarians

disagree to one extent or another with the decision to call an early provincial election, with about one in two Ontarians (52%) outright disagreeing.

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- Agree
- Somewhat agree
- Somewhat disagree
- Disagree
- Unsure

Source: CTV/Nanos Research tracking survey Ontarians, February 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, n=904, accurate 3.3 percentage points plus or minus, 19 times out of 20. [See full methodology here.](#)

# Level of agreement with the decision to call an early provincial election – by region

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	Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 Ontario (n=904)	Golden West (n=134)	Southwest/ Central (n=155)	North/East (n=241)	Toronto (n=206)	GTA (n=168)
Agree	16.9%	14.4%	16.9%	20.2%	13.5%	18.4%
Somewhat agree	15.6%	12.1%	13.7%	16.0%	16.2%	19.2%
Somewhat disagree	11.3%	14.8%	11.3%	8.8%	12.3%	10.4%
Disagree	52.3%	54.9%	51.9%	49.9%	57.0%	48.9%
Unsure	3.9%	3.9%	6.2%	5.0%	0.9%	3.0%

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# Level of agreement with the decision to call an early provincial election – by age and gender

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	Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 Ontario (n=904)	Men (n=534)	Women (n=367)	18 to 34 (n=148)	35 to 54 (n=292)	55 plus (n=464)
Agree	16.9%	18.1%	15.8%	17.6%	15.0%	17.9%
Somewhat agree	15.6%	18.5%	12.7%	19.7%	17.1%	11.5%
Somewhat disagree	11.3%	13.1%	9.7%	13.4%	12.4%	9.1%
Disagree	52.3%	47.9%	56.3%	41.6%	53.5%	58.7%
Unsure	3.9%	2.3%	5.4%	7.7%	2.0%	2.8%

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# METHODOLOGY



The CTV News/Nanos nightly provincial election tracking conducted by Nanos Research surveys 900 Ontarians aged 18 years and over three days (300 interviews each day). Respondents are all randomly recruited through a dual-frame (cell- and land-line) RDD sample using live agents. One half of the sample is administered the questionnaire by telephone and one half are administered the same questionnaire online. The random sample may be weighted by age and gender according to the latest Canadian census data. Throughout the election, the interviews are compiled into a three-night rolling average of 900 interviews, with the oldest group of 300 interviews being replaced by a new group of 300 each evening. The current data covers the three-night period ending February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

A random survey of 904 Ontarians is accurate  $\pm 3.3$  percentage points, plus or minus, 19 times out of 20.

The full methodology is detailed in the [technical note](#) in this report. This research was conducted and released in accordance with the standards of the [CRIC](#) of which the firm is an accredited member.

[Full data tables with weighted and unweighted number of interviews is here.](#)

Note: Charts may not add up to 100 due to rounding.



Element	Description	Element	Description
Research sponsor	CTV News	Weighting of Data	The results may be weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Ontario. See tables for full weighting disclosure.
Population and Final Sample Size	904 Randomly selected individuals, three-day sample of 300 individuals each day compiled into a three day rolling average.	Screening	Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the media or a political party prior to administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the data.
Source of Sample	Nanos Insights Labs Probability Panel and RDD cell- land-lines.	Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell line or internet could not participate.
Type of Sample	Probability	Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Ontario.
Margin of Error	±3.3 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	Estimated Response Rate	Ten percent, consistent with industry norms.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) random telephone survey (50%) and online deployed to Nanos Insights Labs Probability Panel (50%).	Question Order	Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire. PROVINCIAL Ballot was released as Part 1.
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Ontario.	Question Content	Topics on the nightly tracking survey ahead of the report content included: views on provincial political issues and issues of concern.
Demographics (Captured)	Men and Women; 18 years and older. Six-digit postal code was used to validate geography.	Question Wording	The questionnaire includes questions on which parties people would consider, then explores ballot and preferred premier preferences and closes with issue questions identified by CTV News and demographics.
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender, education, income	Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work.	Contact	Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions. <a href="http://www.nanos.co">http://www.nanos.co</a> Telephone: (613) 234-4666 ext. 237 Email: <a href="mailto:info@nanosresearch.com">info@nanosresearch.com</a> .
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs for the telephone sample.	Tabulations	By region, age, gender and number of weighted and unweighted interviews <a href="#">[LINK]</a>
Time of Calls	Local time 5:00-9:00 pm, on weekends 12:00- 6:00 pm		
Field Dates	February 4 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025		
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in English.		
Standards	Nanos Research is a member of the Canadian Research Insights Council (CRIC) and confirms that this research fully complies with all CRIC Standards including the CRIC Public Opinion Research Standards and Disclosure Requirements. <a href="https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/">https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/</a>		



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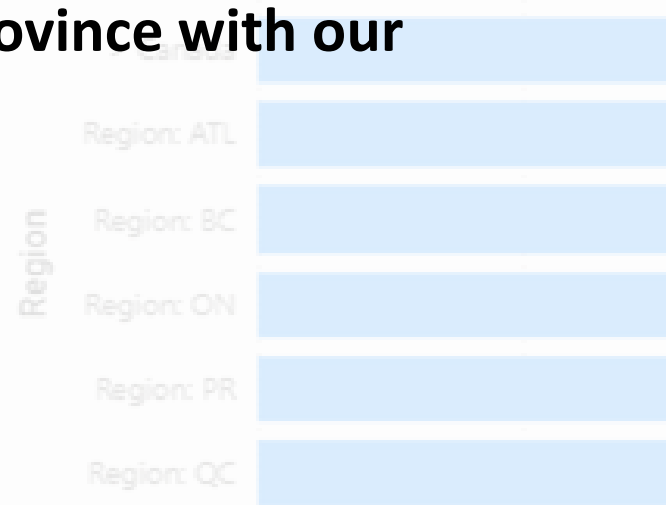
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